



**Stoughton Utilities**

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# News Release

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### **Thank a Lineworker on National Lineworker Appreciation Day**

Lineworkers have a vital role in the community, working in harsh weather and sometimes hazardous conditions to keep electricity flowing year-round, and to restore power immediately during an outage. In honor of National Lineworker Appreciation Day on April 18, Stoughton Utilities commends its lineworkers' commitment to service and safety.

“Our lineworkers are on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and they have to be ready for any situation. They are often the first responders during storms, making the scene safe for other public safety workers. We value the work they do every day to maintain reliable service to homes and businesses,” said Stoughton Utilities Director, Jill Weiss.

Line work is not easy. Lineworkers must have the physical strength and agility to be able to climb poles, dig trenches, lift heavy equipment, and more, all while wearing equipment that can weigh around 45 pounds. They also expose themselves to danger every day, whether it be working with energized high voltage lines, or working 50 feet off the ground on a pole or in a bucket lift. Since power outages can happen at any time and can be caused by anything from a storm to a car accident, lineworkers need to be prepared to spring to action at a moment's notice.

There continues to be a strong demand for highly trained lineworkers. Learning the trade often involves completing a technical college program, followed by completing a four-year apprenticeship program and on-the-job training.

Stoughton Utilities is also holding their annual Lineworker Appreciation Day Coloring Contest. Two grand prize winners will be randomly selected to receive a \$50 gift card, and one winner from each of four age groups will be chosen by utility to receive a \$25 gift card. Visit [stoughtonutilities.com/coloring](http://stoughtonutilities.com/coloring) for details.

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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.